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TAGS: CPAS (INSPECTOR'S MEMORANDUM OF MAY 23, 1973)

REF: INSPECTOR'S COMMENTS RELATIVE CITIZENSHIP AND PASS-
PORT MATTERS.

ATTENTION: MR. FREDERICK PURDY

DEPARTMENT PUZZLED BY ALLEGATIONS REGARDING DELAYS IN AP-
PROVAL OF REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS. A BREAKDOWN OF CASES
SUBMITTED IN THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS BY EMBASSY REVEALS NO
INORDINATE DELAYS. ANY TIME LAPSE IN ACTION TAKEN WAS DUE
TO NORMAL PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN OBTAINING PREVIOUS OR
RELATED FILES AND INFORMATION.

TO FAIRLY EVALUATE THE MATTER, EMBASSY REQUESTED SUBMIT
DETAILED LIST OF ALL CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT CASES WHICH
EMBASSY HAS HANDLED IN PAST EIGHT MONTHS WHERE DELAYS WERE
RESULT OF DEPARTMENT'S FAILURE TO TAKE TIMELY ACTION.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF TYING THE EMBASSY
INTO COMPUTERIZED LOOKOUT NETWORK, SUCH A FACILITY WOULD
NOT AID THE EMBASSY IN CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT MATTERS.
DEPARTMENT REFERS THE EMBASSY TO CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS SET
FORTH IN 8 FAM 245.12 AND 245.6, PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS A-
628 OF JANUARY 20, 1972; A-6414 OF JUNE 27, 1972; A-7503

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OF JULY 25, 1972; AND A-1177 OF FEBRUARY 8, 1973. THOSE

INSTRUCTIONS RELATE THE NORMAL PROCEDURES AND PROBLEMS
OF HANDLING LOST AND STOLEN PASSPORTS AS WELL AS EXTENSIONS
OF REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS. SPECIFICALLY, A-7503 PROHIBITS
THE USE OF THE DIRECT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (TELEX)
FOR LOST PASSPORT CASES.

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE ITS REPLY TO THE ABOVE
COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT DEPARTMENT MAY RES-
POND TO INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION. ROGERS

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